

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Subject					
University of Wisconsin-Madison cogeneration facility					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

There is no direct or quantifiable fiscal impact of AB57. When the language proposed for elimination was approved, it was the opinion of the UW System and the Department of Administration that the language regarding negotiation with the local utility did not bind the state to enter into a contract with the local utility, and that the state has the authority to negotiate this and other contracts without specific legislation. Therefore, while elimination of the language would not necessarily preclude continuing to negotiate with the local utility, passage of AB57 could be construed as legislative intent to preclude further discussions.

The language regarding the ability to use the master lease program, with costs paid from the university's utility account, provides flexibility for the state and University in deciding how any solution is funded to address the utility capacity needs of the University.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications